

IN THE CLAIMS:

Applicants hereby elect Group II consisting of claims 18-41 for initial examination in this application. This election is with traverse.

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough consideration given the present application. Claims 1-41 are currently being prosecuted. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider his restriction requirement in view of the remarks as set forth hereinbelow.

The Examiner has set forth a restriction requirement with regard to claims 1-41. The grouping of the claims is set forth as follows:

GROUP	CLAIMS	CLASSIFICATION
I	1-17	Class 709, Subclass 206
II	18-41	Class 709, Subclass 219

Applicants have elected claims 18-41 for initial examination. However, it is respectfully submitted that the restriction requirement is improper in view of the fact that no serious burden is presented to the Examiner to consider all of the claims in a single application.

As set forth in Section 803 of the MPEP, the Examiner must examine an application on the merits if the examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden. Two criteria are identified for a proper requirement for restriction: